

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Latimeria chalumnae from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Pisces
12. Order: Coelacanthiformes
13. Family: Coelacanthidae
14. Species: Latimeria chalumnae
15. Common Names: English: lolée-fin, kombessa, coelacanth
French: coelacanthé
Spanish: Celacanto
16. Code Numbers: 503.001.001.001 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Indian Ocean around Comoros Islands.
22. Population: Does not seem to be endangered, but no precise information available. Discovered by science in 1938 only.
- None in captivity.
23. Habitat: Coastal vicinity, rocky bottom with caves and niches.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: Locally fished, dried and salted, and commercialized on local markets under the name of "kombessa".
32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.
34. Potential Trade Threats: None. The species is merely of scientific interest.

4. Protection Status

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D. C., 1973, the United States of America requesting Appendix I listing because of the risk of scientific collecting. Has never been reviewed.

5. Information on Similar Species

None.

An ID manual data sheet is available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Solicited (from France) but not received.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

Millot, J. and J. Anthony, 1985. Anatomie de Latimeria chalumnae.
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